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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In re:)	
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Broadcast Television National)	MM Docket No. 96-222
Ownership Rules)	
)	
Review of Commission's Regulations)	MM Docket No. 91-221
Governing Television Broadcasting)	
)	
Television Satellite Stations)	MM Docket No. 87-8
Review of Policy and Rules)	
)	

To: The Commission

MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE FILED COMMENTS

Pursuant to Section 1.46(b), 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(b), BET Holdings, Inc. ("BET"), hereby requests a one day extension of time to file Comments in the above-captioned proceeding.

Due to computer problems encountered late Friday afternoon, production of the final Comments were delayed. The process, in turn, delayed the courier in departing for the FCC. The courier arrived at the Commission just after the 5:30 p.m. deadline and was not permitted to enter the FCC's building.

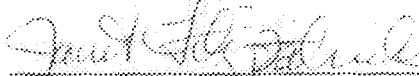
The Commission has previously allowed late-filed petitions when the applicant acted "with reasonable diligence". Capitol Broadcasting Co., 54 RR 2d 811 (1983). Due to the large volume of comments likely to be received in the instant proceedings, the fact that the Comments are only one day late, and that other parties have the opportunity to file reply comments, means

that no party is substantially prejudiced by grant of the instant motion. In addition, grant of the instant motion will not unduly delay the Commission's processes, which is a major reason for strict enforcement of filing deadlines. See, e.g. Mobile Services Division Procedures on Information Requests, 43 RR 2d 430, 431 (1978). Where as in this situation, BET has acted with reasonable diligence in the instant case, and no other party will be prejudiced by grant of the instant motion, good cause exists to accept these Comments.

WHEREFORE, in light of the foregoing, BET asks that the Commission accept the Comments. In the alternative, BET requests that the Commission treat the filing as Informal Comments under Section 1.419 of the Commission's Rules. 47 C.F.R. § 1.419.

Respectfully submitted,

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